

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Baker, James B., Houseand or common Baker House

## 2. Location

street & number 452 West Bel Air Avenue N/A not for publicationcity, town Aberdeen \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Firststate Maryland code 24 county Harford code 025 /

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name David W. Waldenstreet & number 452 West Bel Air Avenuecity, town Aberdeen \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland 21001

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthousestreet & number Main Streetcity, town Bel Air \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland 21001

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventoryhas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate October 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ federal ☒ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ localdepository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circlecity, town Annapolis \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

**Check one**

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The James B. Baker house is a large three story frame residence constructed in 1896 in the Queen Anne style. It is irregular in plan and form, with multiple gables, projections, dormers, and balconies enlivening its essentially square form and high hipped roof. The ground story is sheathed with clapboards, with applied vertical boards at corners and openings; the upper stories are clad in fishscale shingles. A one-story porch wraps around part of the north and east facades; second and third-story porches appear on the north and south. A truncated turret adorns the northeast corner, and a three-sided bay window rises the full height of the east facade. Double-hung windows have a large pane surrounded by eight small lights in the upper sash. The interior retains virtually all its ornament unaltered and in good condition, including oak baseboards, cornices, architraves, and chair rail, paneled doors and staircase, elaborate fireplace surrounds and overmantels. Ornate windows of leaded and colored glass light the stair landings.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The James B. Baker House, located at 452 West Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland, is a large three story frame residence constructed in 1896 in the Queen Anne style. The house displays the irregular plan and massing, complex roof form, variety of textures, and elaborate interior and exterior ornament which typify the style. The form of the house is based on a cube with a high hipped roof, but this essential form is obscured and enlivened by a myriad of projecting bays, gables, balconies, and dormers.

The ground story of the building is sheathed with clapboards, with applied vertical boards at corners and openings suggesting the underlying framing. The upper stories are clad in fishscale shingles. A one-story porch supported on paired columns runs halfway across the principal (north) facade and wraps around the east side. On the northeast corner, a gable-roofed projection comprises a truncated turret which terminates in a third-floor balcony. Second-story porches, accessible through tall windows, appear on the north and south facades. A three-sided bay window rises the full height of the east facade, and is capped by a jerkinhead extension of a broad cross gable. Windows throughout the house have Queen Anne style sash, with one or two large clear panes in the lower sash and a large pane surrounded by eight small lights in the upper sash. Three tall chimneys rise above the steeply-hipped roof; the roof ridge has decorative cresting and finials.

The double entrance doors, decorated with multiple lights of colored glass, open into a small vestibule, which leads to a wide central hall flanked by the living room on the west and parlor and dining room separated by sliding doors on the east. Behind the living room is the stair hall. To the rear of the house is the kitchen, pantry and servants' stair. The main paneled staircase has ornate leaded and colored glass at the landings between the two upper floors. Over the living room is a bedroom and bath. On the east are bedrooms with the

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

master bedroom over the dining room. Long windows in some bedrooms allow access to second and third floor porches. Servants quarters are to the rear of the second floor. On the third floor are storage rooms and bedrooms.

The interior of the Baker house retains virtually all its original ornament. The typical Queen Anne oak woodwork, including baseboards, cornices, paneled doors, architraves, and chair rails, is intact, mostly unpainted, and well-maintained. Each of the several fireplaces has brightly-colored glazed tile surrounding the opening. The oak mantels are elaborate and have integral overmantel mirrors, applied carved decoration, and miscellaneous shelves. In the living room the mantel is supported by stylized Ionic columns. The large mirror is flanked by panels and candle stands. Its carved decoration is typical Queen Anne with sunburst and garlands. The parlor has the most elaborate mantelpiece with a beveled mirror in the center flanked by two smaller mirrors over carved panels. Fireplaces on the second floor are similar but less ornate. The stair has a large square newel supporting a figurine holding an electrically lit torch. The string is heavily molded and stocky; closely set balusters support the handrail. On the first floor there is some spindle work over doorways and mantels. Throughout the house are original radiators and interior shutters.

Two outbuildings contemporaneous with the house remain on the property. The stable/carriage house, 24' X 58' overall, is two stories in height with two large ventilators on the ridge of its gable roof. Behind the stable is an unidentified 1½ story structure measuring 14' X 18'. Both are of frame construction with board-and-batten siding.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The house and outbuildings stand on two city lots, comprising 1.59 acres in total.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1896 Builder Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: B and C

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The significance of the James B. Baker House in Aberdeen, Harford County, derives from two sources. First, as the residence of James B. Baker, a leading entrepreneur in the canning industry and a son of Harford County's pioneer canner, the house is associated with the life of a person who figured prominently in an industry that was a major factor in the economic development of Harford County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Secondly, the James B. Baker house is significant for its architecture: as a provincial example of the Queen Anne style which was commonly associated in the late 19th century with high-status, urban properties, it expresses the prosperity which the canning industry brought to the Baker family and to the community of Aberdeen. The house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style in its irregular massing, complex roof form, variety of siding textures, stained and leaded glass, and interior ornament. It is in good condition and remains essentially unaltered, and as such is probably the best surviving example of a large Queen Anne residence in Harford County.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

From 1880 through the beginning of World War I, canning of fruits and vegetables was the third most important industry in Maryland. (Walsh and Fox, p. 403). Harford was one of the counties which led the state in the industry. George T. Baker (James B. Baker's father) is credited with establishing the canning industry in Harford County; he built the first canning house in the county in 1867, and recorded a production of 900 cases of corn in 1874. During the next half-century, the canning industry grew rapidly, until over 50 canneries were engaged in preserving the abundant corn and tomatoes grown in central and southern Harford County. Each of George T. Baker's five sons owned and operated a cannery (Wright, p. 163). In addition to his cannery, James B. Baker (born 1845) owned a factory in Odessa, Delaware, and two farms nearby; he was also Aberdeen's first postmaster.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Walsh, Richard and William Lloyd Fox. Maryland: A History 1632-1974. Baltimore, MD  
Maryland Historical Society, 1974.

Wright, C. Milton. Our Harford Heritage. Author, 1967.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.59 acres

Quadrangle name Aberdeen

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries indicated on the attached map labeled "Boundary Map"

The house and outbuildings stand on two city lots, comprising 1.59 acres in total.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
ate		code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title George J. Andreve, Peter Kurtze, Natalie Shivers  
and Wayne Nield II

organization Maryland Historical Trust

date September 1982

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telephone 301-269-2438

city or town Annapolis

state Maryland 21401

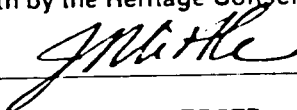
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



10-25-82

title

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

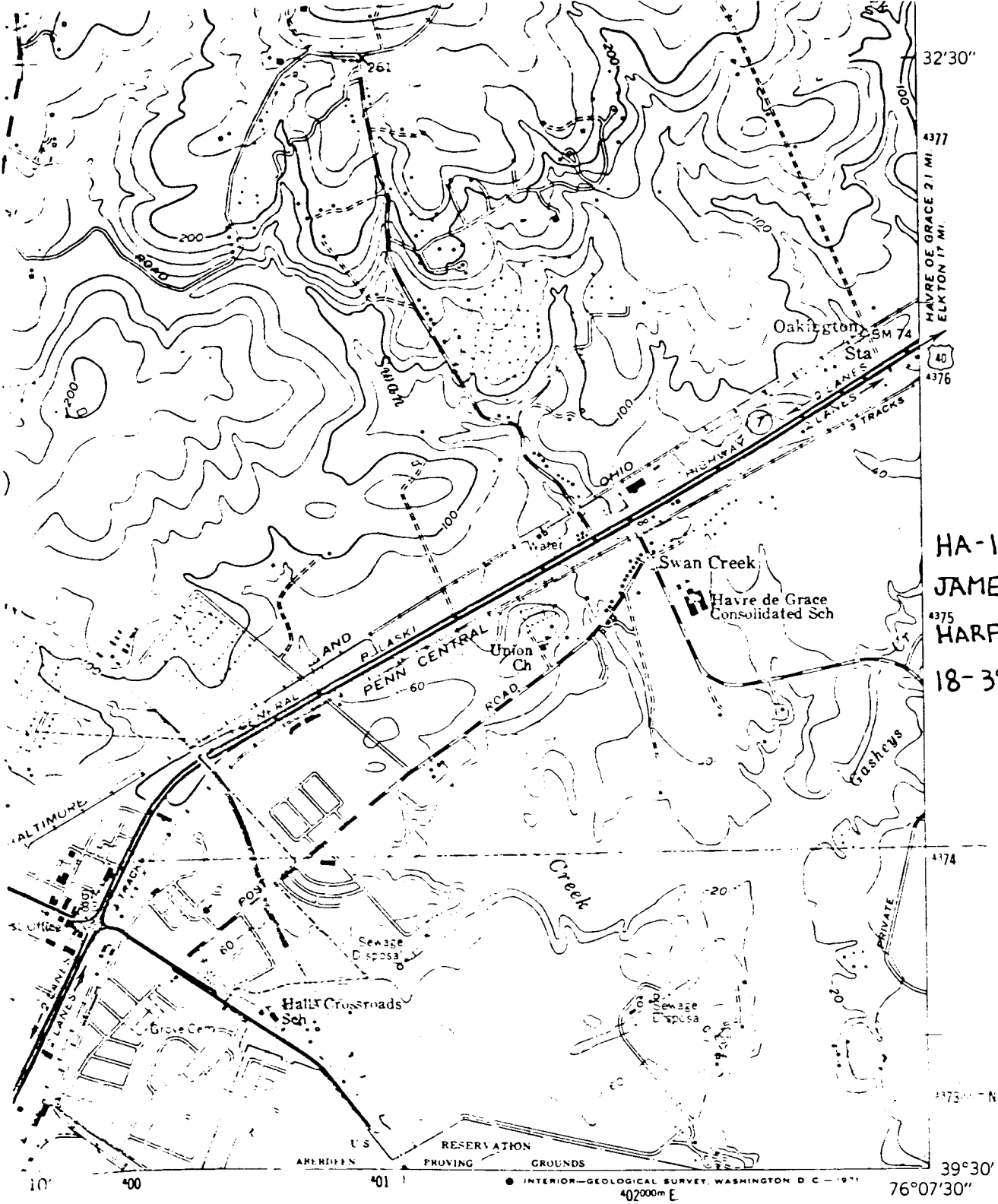
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

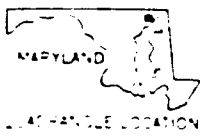
Chief of Registration



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 JAMES B. BAKER Hous  
 4375 HARFORD COUNTY, MD  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt
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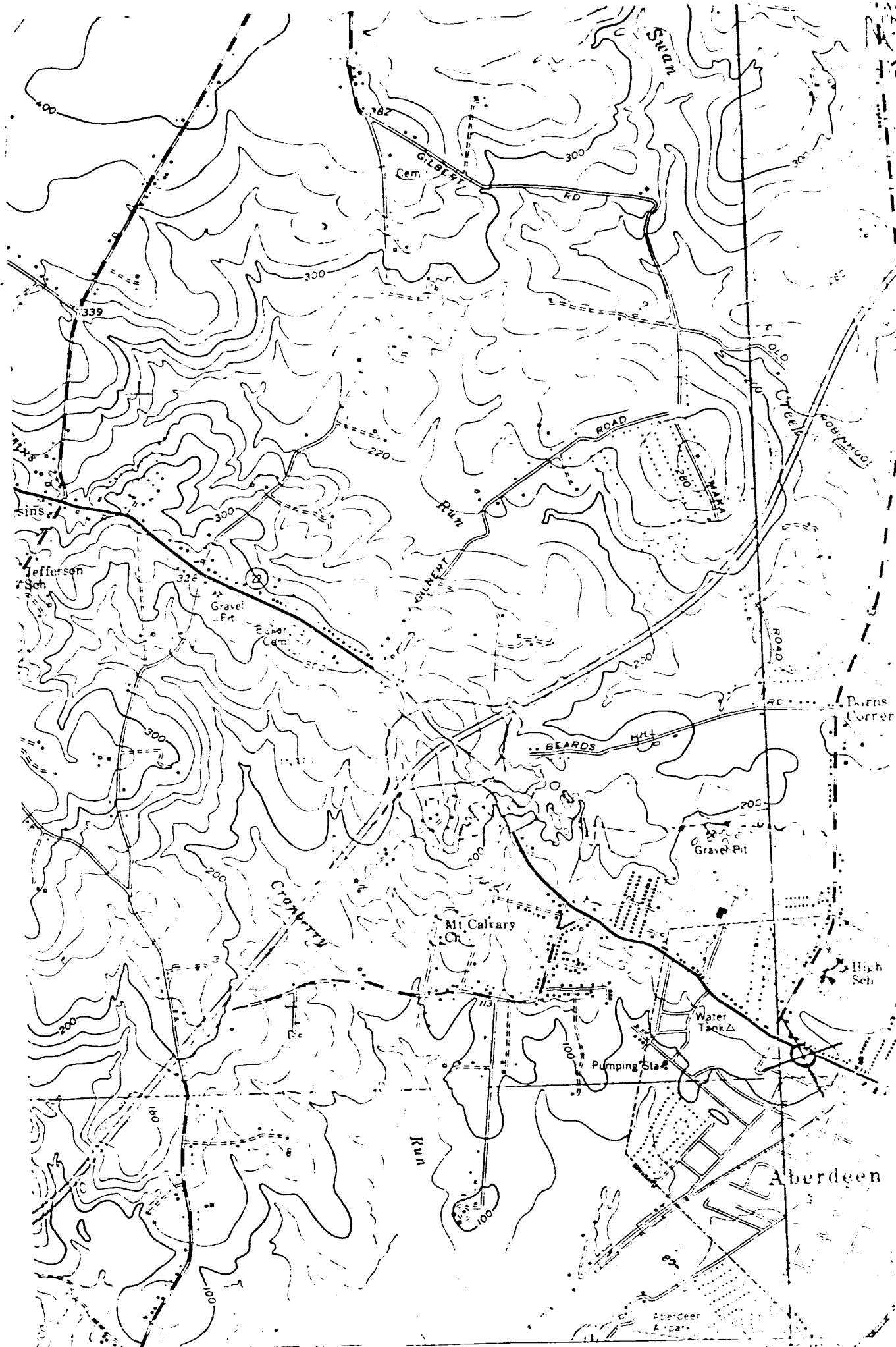
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1953

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"JAMES B. BAKER HOUSE"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

452 West Bel Air Avenue

First

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harford

STATE

Md

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

David W Walden

Telephone #: 272-7145

STREET &amp; NUMBER

452 West Bel Air Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md 21001**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Court House Bel Air, Md 21014

Liber #: 179

Folio #: 239

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Registry of Deeds

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md 21014

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None known

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

slightly only

**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1896, this home was built and occupied by James Bramwell Baker, and remained in his family until June 1978 when it was sold to David Walden who is now the occupant. Mr. Walden was formerly from Washington, DC.

The building site was obtained by deed dated May 13, 1896, Liber 79, Folio 239 from the Aberdeen Land and Improvement Company to William A. Baker and James B. Baker (brothers). Both this house and the home of William A. Baker were built on this property which originally totaled approximately 60 acres. There was no division of the property between the homes until October 31, 1922, when a deed of partition was effected between Hollis R. Baker, and G. Harold Baker. Following the partition the 452 West Bel Air property totaled approximately 25 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

\*See enclosed Harford County Historical Bul. No 16

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was build and occupied by James Bramwell Baker who was one of five brothers who pioneered in the canning industry, that industry along with agriculture was the leading industry of the county in the late 19th century. (See enclosed bulletin). Mr. Baker further distinguished himself as a community organizer, serving as town commissioner; was in charge of the Aberdeen post office under President Garfield; and was instrumental in establishing the only newspaper, THE ABERDEEN ENTERPRISE.

Of predominantly Victorian design the house is frame (Georgian Pine) with weatherboards and shaped wooden shingles combined for a deliberate architectural effect; 17 rooms; totally asymetrical in design, yet balanced; deliberately designed to be picturesque on very large lot for proper setting. The plantings include large Norway Maple, Jingo, Purple Beach and other specimen plantings. As Mr. Baker was a fancier of flowers and trees, the outbuildings included a very large greenhouse, in which he experimented with plants, developing new varieties of his own. Two outbuildings including a large barn and smaller shop building still remain.

Inside, the 9 foot-highrooms are beautifully trimmed with different woods in each room. The living-music room is birds-eye maple; the living-room and library is cherry; and the dining room, oak. Five tiled fire places adorn rooms on the first and second stories. An ornate oak stairway with heavy paneling on the first floor joins the three stories. Servants quarters are in the rear. Original shutters both inside and out are still in place.

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The Bakers of Aberdeen, descendants of a colonial era Nicholas Baker, were perhaps the most prominent family in the Aberdeen area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. They were leaders in the canning industry, in government, the Methodist Episcopal Church, farming, banking and real estate. They built imposing Victorian residences in Aberdeen and established the local cemetery which bears the family name and contains a number of large monuments to mark their own final resting places. ("The Baker Family of Aberdeen" by Jon Harlan Livezey, Harford Historical Bulletin No. 16)

The lots of Charles W. Baker, James B. Baker (this) and Wm. B. Baker were purchased in 1893 from the Aberdeen Land and Improvement Co. (Liber WSF 75, Folio 424) and all three houses were built soon thereafter.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"Harford Historical Bulletin, No. 16"  
The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. - Spring 1893

"History of Aberdeen" by Richard F. Cronin, 1953 (1976)

"OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, published by French Bay Publ. Co., 1980.  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .98 acres (approx.)

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEEJuly 12, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

ABERDEEN, MD. 21001

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

BOX 1704

ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 (Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

~~James~~ Baker house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

452 W Bel Air Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Aberdeen

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>				

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Mrs. G. Harold Baker (Louise)

STREET AND NUMBER:

452 W Bel Air Ave

CITY OR TOWN:

Aberdeen 21001

STATE:

Md

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

40 S. MAIN ST

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE:

MARYLAND

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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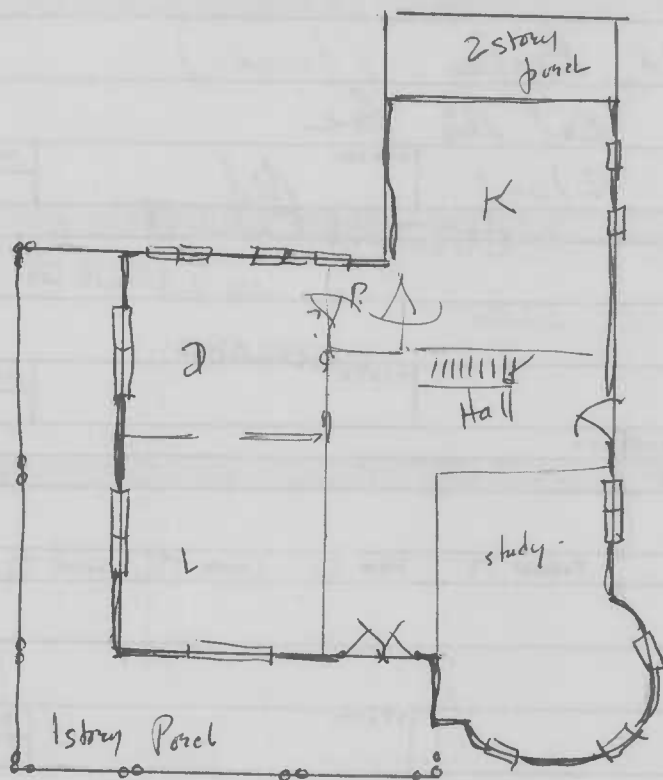
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Large ornate frame house,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  stories, clapboard and shingle covered with slate roof. A porch shelters the east and north sides of the house, a two-story porch is at the back or south side, and a third-story balcony at the north.

Windows are 1 light over 1 except at the door where colored glass is in small panes, at the turret windows where small panes circle the upper sash, and at the stair landing where

a clear-ripple glass by Tiffany forms a three-part decoration.



The floor plan is not bound by symmetry; Central heating permitted more flexible design.

- sketch only -  
not to scale

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐ition ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is the best preserved of the grand  
 mansions of the Baker family whose father  
 George W. Baker had the first canning  
 factory in Harford County. One of  
 five sons, G. Harold Baker had factories  
 of his own before he ~~was~~ <sup>inherited</sup> ~~lost~~ <sup>lost</sup> his  
 father's fortune and businesses.  
 This house was built about 1895.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs G. Harold Baker and Mrs Pudgely T. Baker at their house, 6 May 1971.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE MARYLAND	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

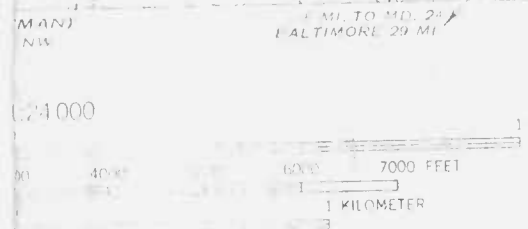
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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light duty
Medium duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route		State Route

VAL 20 FEET  
 IN SEA LEVEL  
 MARYLAND  
 ABERDEEN, MD.  
 SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N 30° 30' W 160° 15' 15"

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